

# **Edward Henderson letters**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Henderson, Edward
<b>Title</b>	Edward Henderson letters
<b>Date</b>	1864
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S632

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## Historical Note

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Camp Narrows, Giles County, Virginia was a Confederate encampment during the U.S. Civil War. From 1862 to 1865, Confederate forces were garrisoned here to guard against Union soldiers reaching important Confederate railroad lines.

Sources:

"Camp Success Civil War Confederate Encampment." *Giles County Historical Society (blog)*. Entry posted October 18, 2011. Accessed September 9, 2015. <http://gilescountyhistorical.blogspot.com/2011/10/camp-success-civil-war-confederate.html>.

"Town of Narrows." *Giles County Virginia*. Accessed September 9, 2015. <http://gilescounty.org/narrows.html>.

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## Biographical Note

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Edward Henderson born in March 4, 1833 to Samuel and Mary Henderson, who married Catherine Massey (1838-1900) on January 27, 1858 in Raleigh, Virginia (now West Virginia). Henderson served in the Confederate army in the 36th Regiment, Virginia Infantry (2nd Kanawha Infantry) and reportedly died in service.

Sources:

Ancestry.com. "Catherine Massey." *Virginia Marriages, 1851-1929*. Accessed September 9, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. "Edward Henderson." *U.S. Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865..* Accessed September 9, 2015. <http://trees.ancestrylibrary.com/tree/34077650/person/20435372651>.

"More Than 30 from Raleigh Died in the War." *Beckley Post Herald*, August 26, 1950. Accessed September 9, 2015. <http://access.newspaperarchive.com>.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes two short letters from Edward Henderson to his wife, Cathern (Catherine ?), from Camp Narrows, Giles County, Virginia during the U.S. Civil War, dated April 14 and December 12, 1864, regarding his well being and his living conditions. In his first letter, he mentions moving up Wolf Creek, then to Princeton, and Red Sulphur and that Beckley's Battalion is with them. In his second letter, Henderson mentions the cold weather, the food, and the "scarcity of clothing".

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## **Arrangement**

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## **Administrative Information**

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Confederate States of America. Army. Virginia Infantry Regiment, 36th.

### Genre(s)

- Correspondence

### Geographic Name(s)

- Giles County (Va.)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives

### Subject(s)

- Soldiers